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1. At 1240 on 12 April 1955, a train carrying 8 AA guns, probably of 57 mm, passed through the Schwerin railroad station and proceeded southward. The guns were equipped with flash hiders; the barrel was in a horizontal position and the tubular support vertical over the front axle. Guns of this type were repeatedly observed on trains which passed through Schwerin in a northern or southern direction.
2. At 1230 on 20 April, a train which passed through Stendal from east to west, included 2 flatcars carrying 4 crated guns. The crates were 2.5 meters long, 1.5 meters wide and 1.2 meters high. The muzzle brakes of the gun barrels, which projected from the boxes, were covered by oiled paper.<sup>2</sup>
3. The following shipments passed through the Satskorn railroad station between 23 and 27 April:

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23 April. At noon, a shipment with 6 M-13 rocket launchers, 8 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 3 boxcars with personnel, which came from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeded toward Oranienburg.

At 1215, a shipment with 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 30 trucks, 3 repair shop trucks, 1 ambulance, 3 field kitchens and 11 boxcars with personnel, which came from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeded toward Dallgow.<sup>3</sup>

25 April. At 1600, a shipment with 11 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 armored personnel carriers, 48 trucks, 3 repair shop trucks, 3 field kitchens and 11 boxcars with soldiers, which came from Forst Zinna and went to Neuruppin.<sup>4</sup>

26 April. At 1100, a shipment of 6 M-13 rocket launchers, 16 trucks, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens and 9 boxcars with personnel, which came from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeded toward Oranienburg.<sup>5</sup>

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At 2255, a shipment of 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 M-13 and 2 M-31 rocket launchers, 29 trucks, 3 field kitchens and 12 boxcars with personnel, which came from Luckenwalde and went to Neustrelitz.

27 April. At 0220, a shipment of 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 34 trucks, 1 ambulance, 4 field kitchens and 11 boxcars with personnel, which went from Luckenwalde to Neustrelitz.<sup>6</sup>

On 30 April, 9 T-34/85 tanks were entrained in Satzkorn and left for Berlin-Kaulsdorf [redacted] 7

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4. In late April, it was learned that negotiations were held at the Neustrelitz Kreis office. [redacted] the Speck-Granzin training grounds had been enlarged by 100 ha in this spring. Between 4 and 17 May, 4 divisions allegedly were to conduct exercises at the training grounds.<sup>8</sup>

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5. Between 26 and 28 April, billeting equipment from the Weisse Stadt restricted area (4683) was loaded onto 3 boats at Baerenklauer Bruecke near Henriettensteg in Oranienburg by soldiers wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] At 0700 on 27 April, 30 to 40 motor vehicles, 2 guns and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Oranienburg railroad station.<sup>9</sup>

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6. On 23 and 24 April, the units stationed at the Artillerie Kaserne (5341) and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5342) in Perleberg left for a summer camp near Haldensleben.<sup>10</sup>

7. During the night of 23 April, some 50 x 122-mm field howitzers, some 100 trucks and approximately 800 soldiers left the Pionier Kaserne (5442) in Rathenow and went by road toward Altengrabow. A rear detail of some 200 soldiers with 4 to 8 guns remained in the installation. About 40 trucks with billeting equipment left the Infanterie Kaserne, while the bulk of the units stationed there prepared for departure. Elements of the signal battalion from Ziethen Kaserne (5444) had also left. A rear detail of the unit dismantled telephone lines at the Semlin training grounds.

8. On 25 and 27 April, units from the 3 Wald Kasernen, with 122-mm field howitzers, mortars and billeting equipment, were entrained at the main railroad station as well as the Nordbahnhof, in Rathenow. On 29 April, the Infanterie Kaserne was only lightly occupied and the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by a major rear detail. The Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) appeared to be still occupied to capacity.<sup>11</sup>

1. [redacted] Comment. Recently, 57-mm AA guns have repeatedly been observed in the Soviet Zone, recently in Neuruppin and also with units of the 31st AAA Div in Schoenwalde. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is possible that the crates contained new 122-mm guns which, [redacted] presumably for the 54th Arty Div, and some of which, on 2 flatcars left Potsdam again, apparently for the Hillersleben-Salchau firing range. [redacted]

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3. Comment. [redacted] artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div returned from the Jueterbog firing range on 3 trains. [redacted] 25X1

4. Comment. [redacted] return of artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Forst Zinna to Neuruppin [redacted] 25X1

5. Comment. The train probably went to Dallgow-Doeberitz. It carried artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div which returned from the Jueterbog firing range. [redacted] the units had transferred to Jueterbog on 24 April. [redacted] 25X1

6. Comment. [redacted] artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div went to Jueterbog in 2 shipments for firing practices, which lasted from 22 to 26 April. [redacted] 25X1

7. Comment. [redacted] these were probably surplus T-34/85 tanks of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which were assigned to the 68th Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Biesdorf-Kaulsdorf. With these shipments, the 10th Gds Tank Div continued to transfer surplus tanks to mechanized divisions of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army or motorized rifle divisions of the Third Shock Army. It is believed that an estimated 120 tanks have been involved so far. [redacted] 25X1

8. Comment. In preceding years, the Speck-Granzin training area has frequently been utilized for firing practices by units of the 9th Gds Tank Div, the 1st Mecz Div and the 2d Light Arty Brig. It is believed that these units will utilize this training grounds in 1955. [redacted] 25X1

9. Comment. Rear elements of units of the 25th Tank Div. which had transferred from Oranienburg to the Neue Kaserne northwest of Vogelsang (4823) in early April, are quite definitely believed to have left the post. [redacted] According to a previous report, the Weisse Stadt restricted area was to be vacated by late April. [redacted] 25X1

10. Comment. [redacted] the units of the 18th Mecz Div from Perleberg would transfer to the Letzling Heath training grounds between 20 and 25 April, since the Wittstock training grounds, which had previously been utilized by the division, was allegedly to be turned over to the air force. Waldlager II, south of Huetten, was allegedly to serve as summer camp of the division. [redacted] 25X1  
This camp, which had been utilized by the 7th Gds Tank Div during the preceding 2 years, was probably reserved for the 18th Mecz Div. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] the units of the 7th Gds Tank Div transferred to the Jueterbog area in late April. [redacted] 25X1

11. Comment. Units of the 6th Arty Div transferred to their summer camp at Altengrabow, apparently by road and rail. U 1 signal units of the IV Arty Corps probably also left for Altengrabow. [redacted] 25X1

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